



With the progress of April toward balmy May comes a lessening interest in society and its restricted functions and an increased desire to escape from the conventionalities imposed by rigorous winter, and the mandates of fashion, and a longing for an out of door

life. Lincoln's reputation as a summer resort is not altogether unspotted; but there are facilities for out of door enjoyment even in this city, and to many of those who are compelled to stay at home the prospect of summer is far more distasteful. The favored ones who can get away to different scenes look forward to the passing of spring and the advent of summer with much pleasure. Last year the dreadful "financial depression," that ill-omened bugbear that has interfered so disagreeably with so many plans and projects, and caused so much inconvenience, had the effect of keeping many people at home who were accustomed to take flight to the alluring resorts of the east, and to the old home, far away; and the fag end of this same financial depression will probably interfere more or less seriously with summer vacations and excursions this year. But there will be travel, and the near by resorts of Iowa and Colorado and the Black Hills may catch the birds of passage that have usually taken a longer flight. In the meantime there will be little going on until the month of June ushers in the season of Cupid's triumph.

Miss Mae Burr gave a very pleasant hat and necktie party last Saturday evening for her guests, Miss Norman of St. Joe, and Miss Tukey, of Omaha. The facility with which the ladies made neckties out of very picturesque material was not any more remarkable than the skill displayed by the gentlemen in the milliner's art. Some of the products were truly wonderful. Those present were: Miss Miller of Chicago, Miss Rachel Brock, Miss Bertie Burr, Miss Hallie Hooper, Miss Bertie Clark, Miss Price of Chicago, Miss Tukey, Miss Norman, Miss Maud Burr, Miss Fay Marshall, Miss Anne Funke, Miss Grace Burr, Mr. W. F. Kelley, Mr. B. G. Dawes, Mr. Frank S. Burr, Mr. R. M. Joyce, Mr. Sherman Mr. Smith, Mr. W. E. Clarke, Mr. George J. Wooda, Mr. Mattson Baldwin, Mr. H. E. Mitchell, Mr. W. F. Meyer, Mr. Lew Marshall.

At the performance of "Panjandrum" last Friday night there was a box party composed of Mr. T. D. Crane of Omaha, Miss Margaret Baird, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tilton. Rev. and Mrs. John Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Austin occupied another box.

There are plans already for outing excursions to Spirit Lake and other places. It is probable that several parties of young people will leave Lincoln this summer for the lakes and the hills.

Tuesday afternoon of last week, in Omaha, Mrs. Casper E. Yost entertained Mrs. Offut of Omaha, and Miss Sherwood, of this city.

The members of the whist club who were entertained recently by Mr. C. A. Hanna, were particularly fortunate in that they were received in such a sumptuously hospitable manner. Mr. Hanna's beautiful apartments were appropriately arranged for the occasion, and his guests were delightfully entertained.

It is said that there will be another public presentation of a play by amateurs sometime this spring.

Miss Tukey, of Omaha, who was the guest of Miss Mae Burr, returned home Monday.

McAllister says that American mothers are apt to be flirts. McAllister, like many another man, philosophizes from the center of a tiny little ring of his own, remarks the "Saunterer" in *Town Topics*. He knows a narrow set of American mothers. How often we see men judging a whole sex or a whole race from their own restricted point of view! How seldom we find that noble faith that believes in

the general good of mankind and womankind and swears by the frequent fidelity of wives and mothers! According to the common argument of more men than McAllister this world should be hell, for in it there is no virtue and no sincerity. Yet in reality the world is a beautiful place, and is populated for the most part by honorable men and honest wives; it is the truth and seriousness of the great people that make life here worth living, and will always make it so. McAllister says that American mothers are apt to be flirts. He has seen two or three dozen of them in his life that flirted. You have friends that go further, and tell you that all women are bad. These friends have known fifty women altogether, most of them inhabitants of the Tenderloin district, or precincts of a similar character. These are your philosophers, your complacent egotists. But the sun still shines, and I will swear that there is at least one pure woman in every block in New York.

The institution of the Lincoln chapter of Delta Tau Delta occurred Saturday night at the club house, 520 South Sixteenth street, the services being conducted by delegates from the state universities of Iowa and Wisconsin. The following were initiated. Messrs. W. M. Johnson, J. H. Johnston, A. J. Weaver, Adam McMullen, H. J. Whitmore, E. C. Strode, G. H. Dern, W. W. Wilson, Eugene Brown. A number of Nebraska members of the fraternity were present, among whom were: Mr. N. S. Harwood, Prof. Ingersoll, Mr. Will Stull, Mr. M. I. Aitken, Mr. F. M. Cook, Mr. W. C. Wilson, Prof. Saylor, Prof. Dewey, Mr. Lou Stull, Mr. W. S. Summers, Mr. D. L. Love, Mr. W. I. Stevens, Judge A. M. Post; Messrs Wattles and Meyer of Omaha, Mr. Sloan of Geneva, Mr. Miller of Fairmont. Luncheon was served at 11 o'clock. Mr. Harwood presided and there were toasts as follows: "Our Fraternity," Mr. Sloan; "The Baby Chapter—Its Future," Mr. Weaver; "The Fraternity Idea," Judge Post; "William the Conqueror," Mr. Will Stull; "The Alumni of Delta Tau Delta," Prof. Saylor; "The Lincoln Alumni Chapter," Mr. C. S. Miller; "Chapter Omicron," Mr. Appel of Iowa City, Iowa; "Beta Gamma," Mr. M. G. Montgomery of Madison, Wis.; "The Boys of Old," Prof. Ingersoll; Mr. D. R. Anthony, Jr., of Leavenworth, and Mr. G. W. Wattles of Omaha, also made brief remarks. Mr. Summers closed with a brief address and an original poem. The institution of the new chapter was largely the result of the efforts of Mr. Summers who has been endeavoring for some years to secure a foot hold for Delta Tau Delta in the state university.

A Van Rensselaer in New York has been forced by stern necessity to break away from the luxurious traditions that are associated with that name, and he has gone into the condensed cream business. Babies within the precincts of the 400 may be depended upon to squall for Van Rensselaer cream.

The Round Table was entertained Monday evening at the residence of Mr. J. G. Morrison. Dr. F. D. Crim led the discussion, the subject of which was "The Domestic Tendencies of the Present Day." Those present were: Hon. A. J. Sawyer, Dr. F. W. Hill, Mr. S. H. Burnham, Mr. C. G. Dawes, Professor E. T. Hartley, Dr. F. D. Crim, Mr. W. Morton Smith. The next meeting will be held a week from Monday at the residence of Mr. Burnham when the subject for consideration will be the essentials for a successful newspaper.

The minstrel performance to be given Tuesday evening, April 17, at the Lansing theatre by the Lincoln Light Infantry company, will have the sanction of society, and the advance sale of seats has been sufficiently large to insure a good audience.

Mr. D. G. Wing visited Wahoo Monday.

Lieutenant Townley will lead the forthcoming german to be given by the Empire club. The german will be an elaborate affair, some enthusiastic members of the club claiming that it will be one of the "leading events of the season."

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Benton are in the city and are stopping at the Lindell hotel.

A friend makes the following graceful tribute to Mrs. J. D. Calhoun, who but recently left Lincoln with her husband for Tampa, Fla., their new home: "When fond hopes lie withered and true hearts are flown, ah! who would inhabit this bleak world alone." It is seldom any one leaves our midst whose departure is more sincerely and universally regretted than that of Mrs. J. D. Calhoun.

Ladies should call at the Windsor Floral Palace, corner Eleventh and P streets, for cut flowers. Plans for lawn decorating, etc.

You should use care in selecting your ice this year. Go to the Lincoln Ice Co., 1040 O street.